

Frequently Asked Questions

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45% Goal - Apprenticeships & Industry-Recognized Credentials

1. *In regards to 45% of ALL graduating students receiving an industry-recognized credential or completing an apprenticeship, do the students have to be enrolled in a CTE pathway or in a CTE course?*

A: The 45% goal applies to all high school graduates, regardless of CTE enrollment.

2. *Is the CTE Committee planning to change the industry-recognized credentials (IRCs) that count towards the 45% goal from what MSDE has prescribed as counting toward meeting Perkins goals? If so, when will those changes be released?*

A: The CTE Committee, MSDE, and the Accountability & Implementation Board (AIB) are partnering to streamline this process so that Blueprint and Perkins goals are aligned. This includes updating the list of approved IRCs as well as the process for reviewing new IRCs, and ensuring that they will count towards both Blueprint and Perkins funding requirements. This work will start in the Summer of 2023 during the development of the Perkins V State Plan, and implementation will occur for both Blueprint and Perkins in tandem following the approval of the Perkins V State Plan, as well as the approval of the MSDE and CTE Committee Blueprint implementation plans.

3. *Who should pay for a student to take a credential examination?*

A: Per the Blueprint legislation and the [AIB's initial implementation plan](#), “each high school offers post-College and Career Readiness (CCR) pathways to all CCR students in grades 11 and 12 to earn early college credits and career and technical education (CTE) credentials at no cost to the student or the student’s parents, including the cost of any fees, starting in FY 24” (see Pillar 3, Objective 3, Task 2 i.e. 3.3.2). Local education agencies (LEAs) should therefore cover the cost of a student taking a test/exam to earn an industry-recognized credential. Covering the cost of more than one examination is at the discretion of the LEA.

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